

Amendments to the Specification

Replace the second full paragraph on page 13 of the application with the following amended paragraph.

Means are provided for engaging the first and second ends of said cylindrical expansion member for retaining said first and second ends in contracted positions. Altering means are provided for causing relative axial movement of the first and second ends towards each other to cause the intermediate cylindrical portion of the expansion member to contract longitudinally and to expand diametrically by causing the flexible elongate elements in the intermediate portion of the cylindrical member to move closer to each other expanding the diametric dimensions of the cylindrical expansion member thereby allowing it to contact the vessel wall and enable it to dilate an obstruction within the vessel. Flexible elongate elements at the first and second ends of the cylindrical expansion member remain contracted around and within first and second means and are thereby prevented from moving closer which maintains spacing between the flexible elongate members so that blood in the vessel can continue to flow through the first and second ends and through the flow passage in the cylindrical expansion member while the cylindrical expansion member is in engagement with vessel wall and dilating an obstruction within the vessel.